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PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Restore the quality of the San Joquin River by not diverting nearly all of it at the Friant Dam. Only by adequately **increasing water releases** at Friant Dam will there be enough flushing action from the flows so that water quality standards can be met downstream.
2. Equally important to improving water quality flowing through the Delta would be to set much more aggressive goals for **eliminating toxins, pesticides and animal wastes** from the waterways, managing salinity levels, and promoting advanced drinking water treatment technologies.
3. A much heavier emphasis is needed on creating incentives for Urban and Agricultural users to instigate already proven **water conservation measures**. This has a tremendous potential for increasing the available water significantly while avoiding many of the negative environmental impacts and high costs of building new above ground storage reservoirs.
4. I strongly oppose an isolated facility for diverting water around the Delta. With **no guarantees** that there would be adequate releases into the Delta during drought years, this could have devastating impacts to the Delta and cause irreversible salinity intrusion upstream resulting in further loss of valuable delta farmland.

Sincerely,



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